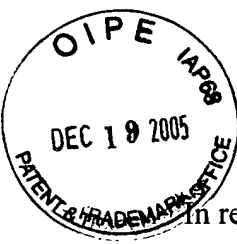


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In re Application of:

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For: PRINT CONTROL APPARATUS,
PRINT CONTROL METHOD,
PROGRAM PRODUCT, AND
AND PRINT SYSTEM

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STATUS INQUIRY AND
SECOND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Initially, since the present application has been pending for over one year and Applicant has not yet received an action on the merits, Applicant respectfully requests to be apprised as to when he may expect such action.

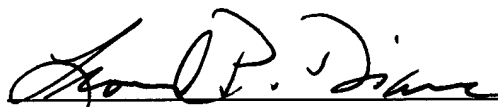
Also, in compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the document listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. The cited document, JPA 11-095942, a copy of which is enclosed, has been cited in an Office Action of a Japanese counterpart application.

In that Office Action, the Japanese Examiner has taken the position that paragraph 9 of the cited document is relevant to the invention (as claimed in the Japanese counterpart application in question). Accordingly, for the relevance of the cited document, the Examiner is respectfully referred to the attached translation of paragraphs 8 and 9, as well as to the attached English abstract.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

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